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2 **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE**
3 **OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

4 In the Matter of the Application
5 regarding the Conversion and
6 Acquisition of Premera Blue Cross and
its Affiliates

NO. Go2-45

TWELFTH ORDER: SETTING
TRIGGER DATE FOR CASE
SCHEDULE

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8 On August 19, 2003, I issued the Eleventh Order: Case Schedule. The Case Schedule
9 sets forth a timeline that includes thirteen steps in the hearing process and is initiated upon the
10 occurrence of a "Trigger Date." Establishing a schedule for the hearing process has been
11 interrelated with the issue of whether certain documents that the OIC Staff and its experts
12 have requested should be produced or are privileged as Premera claims. My Tenth Order,
13 issued on June 27, 2003, required *in camera* review of the documents by the Special Master,
14 Judge George Finkle. The review has been completed, and the Special Master issued a
15 decision on August 22, 2003. In accordance with the Tenth Order, which established the
16 process for the *in camera* review, the "Trigger Date" is to occur upon the production of those
17 documents that are determined not to be privileged. On August 26, 2003, Premera produced
18 to the OIC Staff those documents and portions of documents that the Special Master has
19 determined are not privileged.

20 **IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED** on this 28th day of August, 2003, that the "Trigger
21 Date" for the Case Schedule is August 26, 2003.
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24 MIKE KREIDLER
25 INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
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